

Wednesday, April 23, 1997

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3467–S3566

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 631–640 and S.J. Res. 26 and 27. Page S3550

Chemical Weapons Convention: Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April, 17, 1997, the Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of the Convention on the Prohibition of Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, opened for signature and signed by the United States at Paris on January 13, 1993 (Treaty Doc. 103–21), and the Senate began consideration thereon as having passed through its various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification. Pages S3468–S3545

Also, pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 17, 1997, the Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 75, to advise and consent to the ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention, subject to certain conditions, and the Senate began consideration of the resolution as a substitute for the resolution of ratification. Page S3468, S3486

During consideration of this measure today, the Senate took the following actions:

Agreed to a motion to reconsider the vote by which S. Res. 75, listed above, was rejected by voice vote. Page S3486

Agreed to conditions, declarations, statements and understandings, with 5 exceptions, as follows:

(1) Conditions the depositing of the instrument of ratification on the President's certification to Congress of Russia's elimination of chemical weapons.

(2) To require that before depositing the instrument of ratification, the President certified to Congress that countries which have been determined to have offensive chemical weapons programs have ratified or otherwise acceded to the Convention.

(3) To require the President to exercise the right to bar certain inspectors.

(4) To require the President to certify to Congress that the State Parties have made an agreement to

amend the Convention to stem the proliferation of chemical weapons.

(5) To require the President to certify to congress that compliance with the Convention is effectively verifiable. Pages S3486–92

Senate will continue consideration of the Treaty on Thursday, April 24, 1997, in open and closed session.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:06 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, April 24, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3566.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on District of Columbia held hearings to examine an additional funding request for fiscal year 1997 by the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority for capital improvements to District of Columbia public schools and for public safety agencies, receiving testimony from Andrew F. Brimmer, Chairman, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority; Gen. Julius W. Becton, Jr., (USA, Ret.), Chief Executive Officer/Superintendent, and Gen. Charles Williams (USA, Ret.), Chief Operations Officer, both of the District of Columbia Public Schools; Larry D. Soulsby, Police Chief, District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department; Eugene N. Hamilton, Chief Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia; and Margaret A. Moore, Director, District of Columbia Department of Corrections.